

Lambert Trophy Ratings

Army Eleven Maintains Lead Over Lions in Eastern Race

Army's Black Knights maintained a slim lead over Penn State's Nittany Lions in their red-hot race for Eastern football supremacy, results of this week's balloting in the thirteenth annual Lambert Trophy poll of Eastern sportswriters showed. Army led, 990 to 986. Although Army barely eked out a last-minute 26-20 win over the Penn team that Penn State had outplayed a week before, the Cadets dropped only two points from last week's season high of 992. The Nittany Lions picked up two more points as the result of a 47-0 romp over Temple.

Trailing the two unbeaten leaders with 981 points was third-place Penn; Cornell's Big Red, which took a thrilling one-point decision from Dartmouth, held a similar margin over the Indians for fourth place in the voting, with 979 points.

Pitt's scrappy Panthers were rated sixth at 977, and the first ten were rounded out by Princeton, Brown, Boston College and Columbia.

For all but the two leaders the chance of taking the trophy this year is virtually gone. Both Army and Penn State encounter one more Eastern foe. Army tackles a Navy team that has not won a game this year, and the Cadets are highly favored over the Middies.

Penn State is also the favorite in Saturday's game with Pitt, but the Panthers sport a more impressive five-and-three record against tough opposition.

Both games are traditional contests, however, and the two Eastern leaders will probably find the going somewhat rougher than the odds indicate.

Cornell Ties Lion Booters On Last-Minute Counter

Lion booters and Cornell's soccer men tugged at each other for a full 98 minutes at Cornell Saturday and when it was all over they had little to show for their exertions except a 2-2 deadlock, a column of statistics, and a realization that it was a hard-fought fray.

It was a game of unsensational soccer and neither team devised any thing of serious scoring threats with the exception of the Blue and White, which missed its golden opportunity when it was unable to cash in on a penalty kick shortly before the first quarter ended.

The booters of the Big Red took an early first quarter lead only to have it diminished by center forward substitute George Phillips early in the second period. Later in the same canto another center performer, the Lion's starter, Clarence Buss, scored directly on a corner kick to give the Lions a 2-1 edge at halftime.

LAST-MINUTE SCORE

No scoring took place in the third period and had the game lasted only 87 of the regulation 88 minutes the Blue and White would have annexed its sixth victory in seven outings. With only a minute to go until the end of the contest, Cornell pushed the tying marker past Lion goalie Ed Taggart.

Two five-minute overtime periods were played with neither

team able to hit the nets. It was a close contest throughout with both teams playing up to par but cold weather and the strong wind hampered both offenses considerably. The Jeffreymen had eight opportunities for scores while Cornell booters were limited to six shots at the Lion goal.

The soccer men, sporting a five won, one lost and one tie record to date, are now preparing for what looms to be their most formidable opposition this season, Temple's Owls.

Fancy Stepping

Wally Triplett, Penn State's speedy halfback, averaged better than 15 yards per carry in his first two football games this season.

The Nittany Lions scored 332 points while restricting ten opponents to 40 points during 1947's defeat-less football campaign.

Lions Prep For Pitt Tussle After Thrashing Temple, 47-0

While 9760 students wonder what will be the results of the landslide 47-0 victory over Temple coupled with the near-win of Penn over highly-favored Army, the other 40 students plus five Nittany coaches are worrying about an effective means of preserving an undefeated streak against the rampaging Pittsburgh eleven.

The Panthers set down Purdue last Saturday, 20-13, in the most surprising upset of the East, and the Smoky City team is a changed outfit from the squad that lost its first two games by a total of 73 points.

Unlike his schedule for last week's practice sessions which ran only four days, Coach Bob Higgins already ran his charges through their initial workout for the important game against Pittsburgh this coming Saturday.

Dr. Alfred H. Griess, team physician, reported no serious injuries in last Saturday's rout, although Larry Joe and Negley Norton are still on the "doubtful" list for the Pitt game.

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Using a backfield of Tony Orsini, Vince O'Bara, Owen Dougherty and Herb Kurtz when the score was approaching the half-century mark the Lion mentor displayed a sophomore attack that featured almost the same style and polish of the regulars who rolled up 26 points in the first three periods.

Elwood Petchel's understudy, O'Bara, bucked over for one marker in the final period and tossed a 21-yard pass to Bill Scherer for his second. Scherer, after catching the pass, faked a defensive Temple halfback out of position and then 6-foot, 5-inch end, Dan Klime, lifted Temple safety Shelly Feldman if his feet with a cross-body block and Scherer went over untouched.

Orsini

Tony Orsini, running from Rogel's position at fullback, smashed through the Owl line in the style that made Rogel unstoppable this year. His smashing drives gave the "Little Lions" a first down on the Temple six-yard line and set up the touchdown play from the one-yard line.

Playing in the wingback position, Owen Dougherty took the ball from Tony Pileggi, another sophomore, and fading to the left, tossed a port-side pass to End Dalton Rumberger, who calmly pulled in the aerial for the third marker of the final period.

Another star burst into light Saturday when Johnny Chuckran, pre-war ace of the Lion team, ripped and pranced through the enemy lines for a touchdown and when penalties bogged down a second attempt, he tossed a perfect strike to Larry Cooney in the end zone.

Chuckran, who was plagued by



JOHNNY CHUCKRAN

injuries last year and spent most of this season on the bench, went into the fray in the third quarter and immediately started to roll. With the ball on the Lion 37, he hit the Temple line for 16 yards to the Owl 47. A Chuckran pass to Sam Tamburo put the ball on the 41, and after Captain Joe Colone bulled his way to the 36, the junior back slipped through the line, slid away from two Owl tacklers, and finally stepped out of bounds on the 13.

Four plays later he flipped the pass to Cooney for the marker.

As for the starting eleven, it was Colone who stole the show with his 66-yard gallop right through the entire Cherry and White team from the Nittany 26 in the second quarter. Fran Rogel hit the Philadelphia line in his usual ferocious manner, and on one play drove his head into a surprised tackler's middle and pushed him from the Lion 40 to the Temple 48 before half the Owl line collaborated to tackle the Nittany steamroller.

The visitors were unable to crack the powerful Blue and White forward wall and were held to a total of seven yards on the ground and 61 in the air. Sam Tamburo and Bob Hicks boxed the Templar runners in on every play, and Tamburo's partial block of Tom Skladany's kick kept the Owls deep in their own territory during the first period.

Four tackles, six guards and three centers alternated in the line while 18 backs took turns carrying the ball and blocking.

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Cooney



Colone

Between The Lions



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Hail Johnny!

When Johnny Chuckran pranced off the gridiron Saturday, there was a gleam of satisfaction in his eye and an ear-to-ear grin gracing his face. There's a reason.

Outside of Johnny, no one was pulling for him to "make good" more than his football buddies, who displayed their appreciation for Chuckran's showing through exuberant pats on the back and loud congratulations when he approached the bench.

Blocking back Chuck Drazenovich later caught the tenor of Lion sentiment by declaring: "I never blocked as hard for anyone as I did for Chuckran Saturday."

Johnny's Penn State story goes back to 1944 when, just out of high school at Lansford, Pa., he was the only freshman in the history of the College to become football team captain. Leading the eleven from the tailback spot, Chuckran was number-one tailback, with Elwood Petchel his understudy.

Pebe Sensation

That year the 168-pound Chuckran was a ball of fire, passing and running, and won national recognition as one of the nation's outstanding pebes. Let us cite just one of his feats:

With only two minutes to go and a scoreless tie seeming almost a certainty, Chuckran caught a Colgate punt on his own 47 and raced 53 rain-soaked yards for the only score of the game. State won, 6-0.

Then the war intervened. When Johnny came marching home in '46, folks up and down the Nittany Valley were rooting for the '44 standout to roll again.

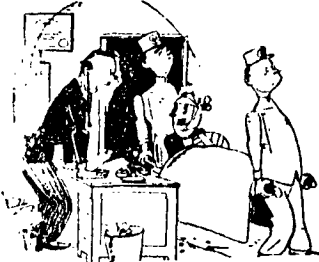
But he sustained a leg injury in the Spring of '46 and was slow to shake it off. In September '47 he underwent a tonsillectomy when doctors recommended the operation in the belief that infected tonsils were at the root of his trouble. The docs expressed hope then that the surgery would hasten his recovery from a persistent case of "shin splints."

But if the "splints" were eliminated, other injuries cropped up to keep Chuckran sidelined in '46 and most of '47.

Election Note

Dennie Hoggard, ace Lion end, is the son of a West Philadelphia Baptist minister who combines politics with religion. The Rev. Dennis Hoggard, Sr., was elected recently to the State Legislature for a third term. He served previously from '42 to '46.

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